

FRANKSTOWN TOWNSHIP
May 28, 2024
WORKSHOP MEETING.

The regular workshop meeting was held on May 28, 2024, at 8:00 AM. It was opened with the Pledge of Allegiance.

Roll Call of Officers

Supervisors, George Henry, James Callahan, Kenneth Wertz were present. Township Manager Henry T. Fownes, Sec-Treasurer Beverly Henderson, Solicitor Jeffrey Muriceak, Engineer Thomas Levine, Assistant Sec. Robbin Grove, Road Foreman Douglas Miller, and Sewer Inspector Dennis Walls were present.

Open Memorial Park Bids: at this time, we have not received any bids.

1534 Frankstown Rd. Mr. Devon Weyant was contacted by residents concerning the earth disturbances at the above address. Township Manager Fownes stated that Dawn Conner was present in a previous meeting and was told what was needed to be done to be in compliance with the Township. Mr. Weyant stated in a memo to Township Manager Fownes, Mr. Carnell voluntarily complied with Erosion and Sediment Control measures. Of which, Mr. Carnell submitted his E&S Plan to the Conservation District, which was approved on 3/4/2024. However, at the latest inspection by Mr. Weyant observed that the silt fence was reinstalled incorrectly. Contact was made with Mr. Carnell with the findings. Mr. Weyant was to reinspect the site on 5/28/2024.

Zoning Hearing Board: A motion was made by James Callahan and seconded by Kenneth Wertz to adopt and execute Resolution # 05282024-1 known as the appointment of the Zoning Hearing Board and one alternate. Motion passed unanimously.

Subdivision and Land Development Engineer Levine

The following subdivisions had no report at this time.

Canoe Creek State Park
Capital Telecom
D. Holdings
Dreams Go On
Madey
Winsome Properties

The following subdivisions had the following comments.

Vern Litzinger A revised plan as reviewed on March 26, 2024, and is now under review by Luke Helsel SOE.

DeGol and Gurman Side Lot Addition - Attorney Muriceak was in contact with Attorney Michelone, and it appears the issue is with Dr. & Mrs. Gurman signature.

D'Ottavio Revised - plans submitted on April 5, 2024, reviewed comments proved on May 13, 2024, it appears that we need approval from DEP on the sewage planning and also the fees need to be paid.

Spigelmyer Minor - Subdivision Plan reviewed, and comments were provided on May 6, 2024, and May 13, 2024.

Stormwater Complaints by Residents there was nothing new to report on from Engineer Levine, however the following issue was reported by Township Manager Fownes.

Minor complaints are handled on a daily basis.

There are a couple of issues that need some more investigation done prior to any work to commence. Maps were forwarded to Attorney Muriceak, and he had asked the abstractor to pull what was or what was not recorded and at this time Atty. Muriceak had not had the time to sit with her and review the findings. Township Manager Fownes is planning on contacting the resident to see if they will voluntarily comply. We also need to find out if there is an easement or right of way.

Swinging Bridge Rd. there is an R4 ditch with perforated pipe that needs to be cleaned out, however the pipe is now under the roadway. The plan is to clean out the ditch and replace the R4 stone.

The sink hole on Aungst Lane is holding it own.

DEP General Permit No 11: there is nothing to report on the following permits.

Hollidaysburg Sportsman Road and Frankstown Sportsman Rd.

Sylvan Heights Dr. Sewer Extension:

Phase 1 - Tom is waiting for the Board to instruct him when to rebid this project. However there is a Notice of Complaint in place that we have to wait 20 to 30 days for any objections. The Party could object based on how the complaint was made.

Phase 2 - The sewage planning was filed last Thursday May 23, 2024. We still need to obtain rights of way and the NPDES permit.

Frankstown Memorial Park

Phase 1 improvements are well underway. There was a list of supplies that still need to be purchased to complete some of the in-kind work done by the road crew. Some of the things that still need to be completed by the road crew are grading the parking lot, drainage ditch and some stormwater piping.

Reports from Department Heads:

Township Manager Report:

1. Multi-Government UCC Board of Appeals. A letter was sent to request to join the Multi-Government UCC Board Appeals. Henry attended the meeting, and we are awaiting for the current 18 members to pass a resolution. Then we will have to adopt our own resolution.
2. Direct deposits for the full-time employees and two part-time employees will begin on June 21, 2024.
3. Pension Update. Attorney Muriceak is drafting a resolution for the regular business meeting on June 4th. The resolution will allow us to seek RFPs.
4. We received the Categorial Exclusion Approval from DEP to move forward with the Rolling Hills/ Oldtown Village sewer project.
5. Dogwood Dr. Mr. Turcovsky lives at 122 Dogwood Rd. had approached Henry Fownes concerning gravel patch and was wondering if Grannas Brothers would pave when they are in the area. The Board had decided to have Grannas Brothers pave that area

6. An order was placed for composite manhole risers. The order was placed with Turner Co. in Raliegh NC. A sample was sent and was tried to see if it would work. The cost of the composite manhole raiser is \$11,325.00 vs. East Jordan \$20,001.75. Engineer Banks stated that there is several clients that are using them now.
7. Computer/IT upgrade. There were 2 companies that submitted proposals, Link Computer and UDNI. A new computer was purchased with our current IT provider for Roger White.
8. Residents are receiving letters regarding a collection notice for per capita taxes for Frankstown Township. It is a school district tax, we reached out to the collection company and they told us to send all calls to Credit Control Collections and or Kathy Turnbaugh at the School District. Supervisor Callahan instructed Manager Fownes to put that information on the Township Website.

Secretary/Treasurer Beverly Henderson had nothing to report.

Road Crew Foreman Doug Miller

Spraying is underway.

Roadway mowing is underway.

In-kind work at the park is being done

Sewer Inspector Dennis Walls.

Has made another attempt to put a water meter on the shelf for back up.

We talked about the paving for this year.

The silt fence at the park may need to be checked because in the last storm there was muddy water going down the road to the inlet on RT 22.

How much influence do we have over the Frankstown Rd/Rt 22 intersection. There is a crosswalk there and now a countdown was pleased on the signal light. We use to pull up the light and if there was no cars coming you could trip the light now you have to wait for the countdown and there is no one ever crossing the road there.

Zoning/Code Enforcement Officer Roger White.

7 coded permits, 1 card permit and no zoning for the month of May.

Several investigations that I'm working on mainly high grass with some compliance.

June 13, 2024, there is a zoning hearing board scheduled for the Mielnik Billboard.

Byran Hummel located at 1259 Frankstown Rd. - Talked with Mr. Hummel, and he stated that the fence was back 400 ft. and when Roger volunteered to measure it, it was back 64 feet. It is now back by Mr. Sleek's property which is approximately 400 ft back. The next problem we are having is keeping the animals in the fenced in area.

Ryan Mervine still hangs on to the Rights to Farm Law. According to Solicitor Muriceak that was rejected by the AG office. The biggest issue is the garbage that he is hauling in to feed the pigs is rank.

It appears that he is getting it from the Recuse Mission.

Paul Carnell was already covered.

Asa Mosey is waiting on Joe Oricko to submit the drawings.

Things are moving slowly.

Solicitor Jeffrey Muriceak Nothing to report

Chairman George Henry Everything was covered.

Vice-Chairman James Callahan is requesting the Henry Fownes contact Penn Dot to see about the inlet at 1449 Sylvan Dr. It needs repaired and replaced because it is clogged. When it rains the water is in the middle of the roadway.

Supervisor Kenny Wertz. Was wondering what the status of the sewer lines GIS mapping is.

Lynn Granville stated that the trees need cut up by Paul Carnell property. He stated that when you pull up to the intersection of Brush Mountain and Frankstown Rd and look toward Altoona the visibility is very limited.

With no other business brought before the Board of Supervisor the meeting was adjourned by a motion made by James Callahan and seconded by Kenneth Wertz at 9:26 AM.